

The Point

Newsletter of
Soldiers Point Public School



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Dear Parents,

Our playground was a little brighter than usual last week as we celebrated our school's rich diversity in a number of ways. Our vision statement; *We at Soldiers Point Public School proudly belong to an inclusive community committed to fostering resilience, respect, creativity and confidence*, calls us to challenge exclusion by ensuring every child feels safe and has a sense of belonging.



I have no doubt that the cornerstone of any truly inclusive school is to promote & celebrate diversity by facilitating students of all abilities and backgrounds to play, socialize and learn together.

I thank my entire staff who work tirelessly to create a supportive environment where everybody belongs. Additionally, I thank Mrs Fuimaono, Mrs Miller, Mrs De Souza and Miss Strassmeir for their coordination of our school events.

Student Survey

This week, all students in Years 4-6 will be invited to participate in a Student Survey. The survey gives students an opportunity to provide us with valuable feedback about school life, how they are engaged with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. A Permission Note with additional information will be sent home this week.

Musica Viva

Last Thursday, Soldiers Point Public School was delighted to have the Sydney-based quartet Teranga come to our school and perform for our students. This interactive opportunity was greatly received by the students and teachers. Here are the thoughts of two students who enjoyed the performance:



Teranga is band that plays local African music that comes from Senegal. Some of the songs they played were quite unusual such as: Pico the Polar Bear, Goumbé and a few other ones.

Teranga is a great band. They play with some interesting instruments such as: the hand pan, djembe, doun doun and fula. (By Lucas S)

Near the end of the Musica Viva concert, Teranga showed us the hand pan. The hand pan was invented in Sweden eighteen years ago, in the year 2000. It has eight notes made by dents that change the pitch of each note. They played on the hand pan using improvisation. The hand pan sounded cool. It was the highlight of the Musica Viva performance for me. (By Ethan T)

Healthy Life Skills

Throughout the term, students have been engaging in fun, motivating lessons from Gabby, our Life Skills instructor. Each lesson has taught students to focus on the values of respect, honesty, teamwork, confidence and resilience. They have learnt to be creative thinkers who listen, positively self-talk and acknowledge their strengths. This yoga program has been rewarding for both students and teachers.

As this week concludes our Life Skills program, we would like to thank those parents and carers who came along to the family day last week. We hope you were able to learn exercises that you can try at home to help each family member unwind and connect with one another.

Stage 3 Camp

A reminder to parents to return permission notes and camp deposits before the end of term. It would be appreciated if you could return the permission slip even if your child is not attending.

Many thanks

Parent – Teacher Conferences

Parent – teacher conferences will be held at the school during Week 10 (April 3-6). The purpose of the conferences is for parents to find out how their child is progressing at school.

It is widely known that children do better at school when their parents are actively involved in their academic lives. Attending parent-teacher conferences is a way for you to be involved and help your child succeed.

A parent-teacher conference is a great opportunity to:

- start or continue on-going conversations with your child's teacher; and
- learn how to help your child do their best.

Please contact the school if you have not booked on line and would be like to book a timeslot

I would also like to acknowledge and thank our teachers for their willingness to stay back after school so parents can attend the conferences.

School Photos

Photo day is Tuesday 3rd April. Ordering information is set out on page 4 of this newsletter. If you wish to pay cash there are a limited number of envelopes available from the office.

Plastic Sandwich Bags

A small request from the office. Please refrain from sending money and notes to school in plastic sandwich bags. If possible please use an old envelope or paper bag which can be recycled. Many thanks for your understanding.

Star Struck

Sewers needed to make 16 costumes. Please contact the office if you can assist. A small remuneration will be paid for your time and effort.

School Banking

Please note that there will be no school banking this Tuesday, 27th March. Banking will resume on Tuesday 3rd April.

Entertainment Books

Flyers are being sent home today. You can order one online at <http://www.entertainment.com.au/3908k6> or from the office using the order form on the flyer. The school receives a commission for any books sold which will go towards our literacy programs.

Term Dates

Term 1 – Week 9

Monday 26 th March	
Tuesday 27 th March	Healthy Skills for Life
	No School Banking
Wednesday 28 th March	Healthy Skills for Life
Thursday 29 th March	Hunter Hockey Trials
Friday 30 th March	Good Friday

Term 1 – Week 10

Monday 2 nd April	Easter Monday
Tuesday 3 rd April	School Photos
	Parent – Teacher Conferences
Wednesday 4 th April	Parent – Teacher Conferences
Thursday 5 th April	Parent – Teacher Conferences
Friday 6 th April	Parent – Teacher Conferences

Term 1 – Week 11

Monday 9 th April	
Tuesday 10 th April	
Wednesday 11 th April	
Thursday 12 th April	
Friday 13 th April	Term 1 Concludes

Term 2

Term 2 – Week 1

Monday 30 th April	SDD
Tuesday 1 st May	Students return to school
Wednesday 2 nd May	
Thursday 3 rd May	
Friday 4 th May	

Term 2 – Week 2

Monday 7 th May	
Tuesday 8 th May	UNSW – Computer
	Star Struck Rehearsal
Wednesday 9 th May	Star Struck Rehearsal
Thursday 10 th May	
Friday 11 th May	

Term 2 – Week 3

Monday 14 th May	
Tuesday 15 th May	NAPLAN
Wednesday 16 th May	NAPLAN
Thursday 17 th May	NAPLAN
Friday 18 th May	NAPLAN

Term 2 – Week 4

Monday 21 st May	
Tuesday 22 nd May	
Wednesday 23 rd May	Stage 1 Excursion – Newcastle Museum
Thursday 24 th May	Grip Leadership - SRC
Friday 25 th May	

Term 2 – Week 5

Monday 28 th May	
Tuesday 28 th May	
Wednesday 29 th May	UNSW - Science
Thursday 30 th May	Star Struck Rehearsal
Friday 1 st June	

Term 2 – Week 6

Monday 4 th June	
Tuesday 5 th June	
Wednesday 6 th June	
Thursday 7 th June	
Friday 8 th June	

Term 2 – Week 7

Monday 11 th June	Queens's Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 12 th June	
Wednesday 13 th June	UNSW - Spelling
Thursday 14 th June	UNSW – Writing
	Star Struck Rehearsal
Friday 15 th June	Star Struck Performance

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

30th March
No Assembly ~ Good Friday

6th April 2:15pm
Student Recognition
Whole School

13th April
No assembly

All Welcome



Soldiers Point Public School 2018 School Photos

All 2018 School Photos are to be ordered online.

To view packages and to place your order please visit

www.newcastleschoolportraits.com

and enter your code.

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Orders to be done before photo day to avoid late fee.

Payments can be made with Mastercard or Visa cards.

School Packages

Premium Hard Cover A4 Photobook

Qty Ordered **A Pack** \$50

Portraits included: Colour 1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4-Wallets with an extra set in B/W & a 8x12" Enlargement.

Book includes Title Page, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo, Principals Message & Autographs Page.

Free low res Digital Image of individual.

Standard Packages

Qty Ordered **B Pack** \$40

1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4-Wallets & 8x12" Enlargement.

Cover, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo.

Free low res Digital Image of individual.

Qty Ordered **C Pack** \$35

1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4-Wallets

Cover, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo.

Free low res Digital Image of individual.

Qty Ordered **D Pack** \$25

Cover, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo.

Qty Ordered **E Pack** \$20

1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4-Wallets & low res digital image.

Family Package are also available online but must be ordered by 9pm the night before Family photo day.

Family Packages

Family A Pack \$20

Qty Ordered

1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4-Wallets

Family B Pack \$30

Qty Ordered

1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4-Wallets & 8x12" Enlargement & Digital Image of Family

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Newsletter



Our April 10th P&C Meeting will be cancelled due to our newly elected P&C 'team' are attending a P&C Federation Evening Information Session to talk about the roles and responsibilities of a P&C Association. It will be a great opportunity to network and ask questions.

School Improvement Finance Committee will be held on Wednesday 4th April.

FUNDRAISING

The first fundraising sub-committee meeting was held on Friday. We are excited to announce that we have a new keen fundraising committee.

Michelle Hall – Convener, Amanda Pigram, Kayleigh Andrews, Lauren Brown

Some brainstorming went on at this meeting and some possible activities this year are:

- Trivia Night (including auctions and the popular Chocolate Wheel)
- Schools Discos
- Tea Towels/Plates
- Mango Boxes
- Sausage Sizzles at Bunnings or Shopping Centre
- Chocolate Box

Like always more hands make less work so if you are interested in getting involved contact them at sppsfundraising@gmail.com

UNIFORM SHOP

Our canteen shop is opened weekly during the following hours

Tuesday 8:30am-9:30am

Friday 2:30pm-3:15pm

Please note the Uniform Shop takes cash only or cheque payments. Drop in and see Karen for all of your uniform needs.

CANTEEN

Thank you to Ken Harper, Amanda Pigram, Leanne Benbow, Deanne Cosgrove, Karen Jones, Julie Thompson and Paula Adnam for their help volunteering over the last fortnight. We couldn't do this without you.

ROSTER

Wed 28/3 Ken Harper

Thursday 29/3 Amanda Pigram

GOOD FRIDAY CLOSED

EASTER MONDAY CLOSED

Wed 4/4 Ken Harper

Thursday 5/4 HELP NEEDED

Friday 6/4 Leanne Benbow, Cassandra Butterworth

Monday 9/4 Emma Kirk

Have a fabulous Easter everyone, Paula Brown

OPEN DAY



Tour Salamander Child Care Centre and enquire about the enrolment process

**Saturday, 7 April 2018
10am - 12pm**

Our Centre is a not-for-profit, community based, long day care centre.

Meet our highly trained, passionate staff that provide early education and care to children aged 0-5 years.

See our natural play-based environment that fosters independence, resilience and strong social skills.

To register for our Open Day email us at admin@sccc.net.au with your name, phone number and child/ren's date of birth.

Children, too precious for profit.
www.salamanderchildcarecentre.com

**3 Community Close
Salamander Bay
Phone 02 4982 0777**



Tomaree Library School Holiday Program – April 2018

Port Stephens LIBRARY
Start here, go anywhere...

Bookings are essential as places are limited.

Contact Tomaree Library on 4988 0670

Family Board Games
Thursday 19 April 5.00-7.00pm
Enjoy family fun playing traditional games.
Suitable for all ages Cost: Free

Bushwalk and Nature Craft
Monday 23 April 10.30am – 12.00pm
Observe then make something beautiful from nature.
Suitable for ages 5-8 Cost: \$7.50

Bushwalk and Haiku Writing Workshop
Friday 27 April 2.00-3.30pm
Haiku writing originates from Japanese poetry. It is a short three-line poem that uses sensory language to capture a feeling or image often inspired by nature.
Suitable for ages 12+ Cost: Free

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Easter

Twilight Storytime

**Thursday 29 March
5.00-5.45pm**

Suitable for ages 2+
Cost: \$1.40

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YOUYOONG AECG MEETINGS

Calling all Aboriginal community members! It would be really wonderful if you were able to attend local AECG meetings to help support the Indigenous education of students in Port Stephens. Youyoong is a Worimj word meaning 'to go further' which is a very apt name for this AECG. The following dates for this year's meetings are:

Term 1

Wed 21 Mar – Tanilba Bay Public School 4pm

Term 2

Wed 16 May – Anna Bay Public School 10am

Wed 20 June – Medowie Public School 4pm

Term 3

Wed 8 Aug – Tea Gardens Public School 10am

Wed 5 Sep – Shoal Bay Public School 4pm

Term 4

Wed 31 Oct – Murrook Cultural Centre 10am AGM

Wed 28 Nov – Irrawang High School 10am